

# Hints For Hostess



**TIMELY SUGGESTIONS**  
for Those Planning Seasonable  
Entertainments

## A Thimble Party.

Since sewing is again classed among the fine arts, thimble parties are much in favor for afternoon entertainments. The hostess sends her card with day and date written thereon, with a needle threaded with some gay-colored silk thrust through one corner.

After the guests have arrived and an hour or more of merry chat, with comparison of work has past, cards bearing the following words are handed to each with a pencil and the request to straighten out the seemingly unintelligible conglomeration into good words, the objects described being in common every-day use.

After a limited time, the cards are to be collected and compared with the key, which is kept secret by the hostess. No help is allowed and each guest is to work out her own problem. A dainty prize is given to the one who succeeds in transposing the most words, also a consolation prize to the one having the least. Such dainty trifles as work bags, embroidery, scissors, emery, needle cases, etc., make the most appropriate prizes. Refreshments, elaborate or simple, may be served. Ices and creams frozen in molds to represent thimbles, spools, and emeries are a pretty conceit, but expensive.

## Sewing Intricacies.

1. Nips—pins.
2. Radeth—thread.
3. Reasnetump—tape measure.
4. Scissors—scissors.
5. Blimeth—thimble.
6. Easden—needles.
7. Hopso—hoops.
8. Kucd—duck.
9. Tubnet—button.
10. Reymo—emery.
11. Witet—twist.
12. Dblra—braid.
13. Nelin—linen.
14. Stork be daw—work basket.
15. Toncet—cotton.
16. Evertlene—velvet.
17. Eblnoawhe—whalebone.
18. Peelanire—percaline.
19. To Hstet—stiletto.
20. Bald girl arm—darning ball.

## A Bathroom Shower.

A bathroom shower was gotten up really as a joke on a young girl and her fiancé, but who were known to be addicted to water, fellow swimmers and advocates of cold water plunges, so when the engagement was announced one of the crowd said, "Well, the only thing 'Polly' will appreciate will be a bathroom shower." The result was a most jolly evening, for the men were included. As the couple were to go into a new house, the soap dishes, towel racks, etc., were most acceptable, besides towels, soap, sponges, bath

powder, toilet water, wash cloths and a fine big hamper for soiled linen, tied with tremendous bows of white ribbon. The souvenirs were doll wash tubs, boards, etc., which were used or the refreshment table.

## A Curio Party.

Ask each guest to bring some object of interest and be prepared to relate its history. It is astonishing what an interesting evening will be the result. For instance, a sword captured during the rebellion, a lace handkerchief belonging to Marie Antoinette, a piece from an old battle flag, a tile from an old Texas mission, curious pieces of pottery, jewelry, an old book, etc. Nearly every one has something which would contribute towards making a delightful and instructive entertainment.

## A Faggot Party.

All the hostess needs is an open fire place and a few friends who will agree to tell a story and bring a faggot, which is a bundle of sticks about half a yard long tied together. This is done more for amusement than to furnish fuel, of course. There is to be no light except from the flickering flames. A vote is to be taken at the end of the evening as to the most exciting story, the most pathetic and the most amusing. Prizes to be awarded according to vote. Long sticks of candy tied with ribbon are given as favors when refreshments are served.

MADAME MERRI.

## FANCIES OF FASHION.

The army cape and overcoat are fashionable wraps for late fall days. Velvet is a fashionable and practical material for the long dressy coat. Prune-colored cloth, with long ties and gold ornaments make a handsome theater cloak.

Black still indicates that it means to rule in tailor as well as in afternoon gowns.

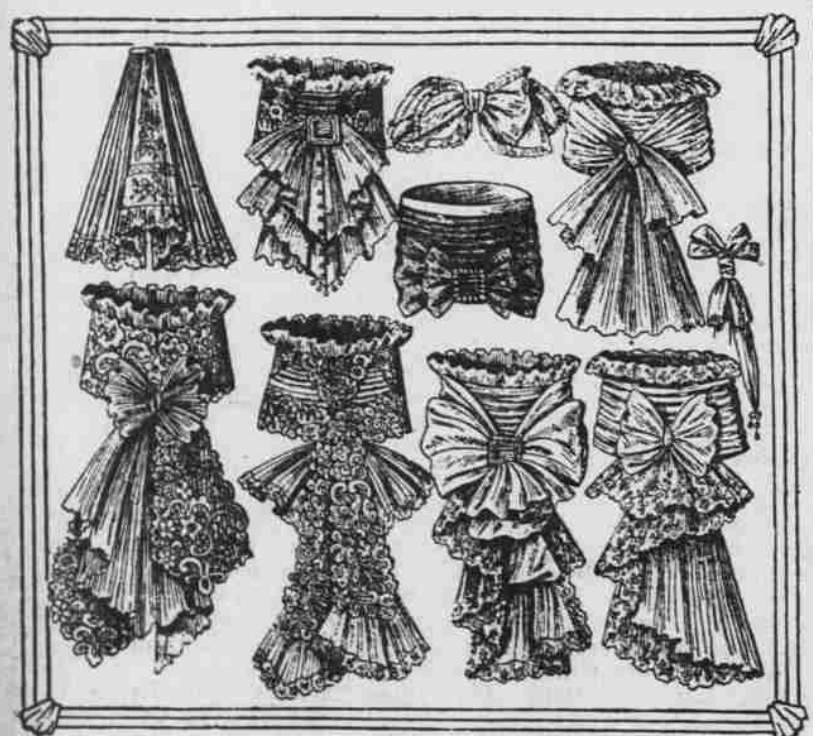
New winter materials are rough for street and crepe and dull finished for the house.

Stripes prevail in the latest French flannels, and some of them are highly effective.

Colors are the same in names as last year, but this season they are of duller hues.

Every well-fitted wardrobe will have a black suit or costume of some sort this season.

## Neckwear of To-Day



MUCH of the new neckwear is made of mull of the sheerest and daintiest variety, combined with lace. Irish crochet (and its very clever imitation), cluny and imitation cluny are the fashionable laces. Nothing is prettier than the hand crochet and tatting for pretty neckpieces, and these provide fascinating pick-up work, which is more useful than doing nothing. A revival of tatting may be looked for, and those who have a shuttle should bring it out and take up once more this work, which is really a recreation.

In order to fulfill the requirements of elegance, neckwear should be washable. Pieces are most successful when they can be easily taken apart, laundered properly, and put together again.

These dainty web pieces should be made by hand. Laces are to be whipped to narrow rolled or hem-stitched hems. The mull should be well woven and possess a little stiffness. When the pieces are laundered they require some starch, very thin and clear.

Some neckwear is made of silk ribbon in the form of stocks and turn-

over collars or ruches are worn with their ties and bows of velvet ribbon are worn with stiff collars and there are some pieces of silk and lace, others of chiffon and velvet ribbon, not intended for washing. The best of neckwear, however, is washable, and it is a lady's work to wash them for one's self.

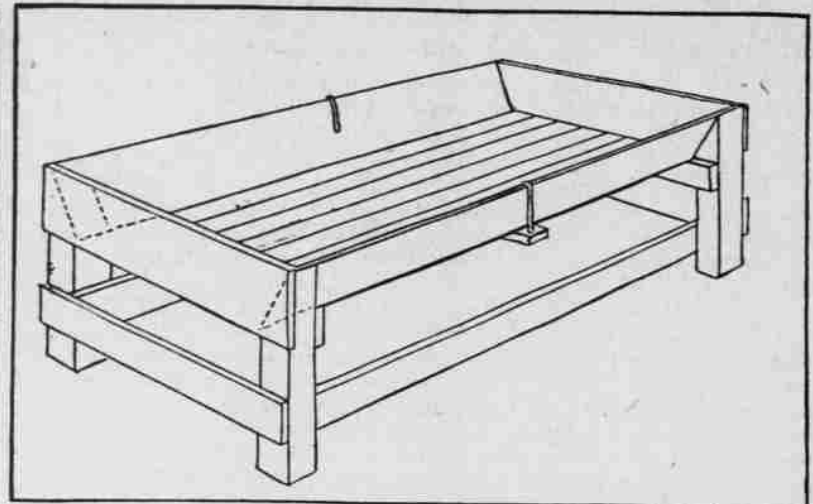
Fine embroideries are used, as well as lace. In combination with sheer mulls. Hand embroidery, it goes without saying, is most beautiful.

Little buckles make a pretty finish for some pieces, and tiny pearl buttons are used on others, sometimes with a pearl buckle. Little balls and bells of crochet make the prettiest finish for those pieces made of Irish lace. Cluny lace should be chosen for neck pieces which are to be worn with tailored gowns and apt to need frequent laundering.

Good neckwear is an expensive item, if one must buy it ready made. But with time to make it, any woman may furnish her own supply of these pretty accessories which do much toward completing the toilet and giving that neatness and finish which be speak elegance.

# ILLUSTRATION OF FEED BOX SELF-EXPLANATORY

Full List of Dimensions that Should Make It Easy Matter to Construct—For Feeding Meal Place Strip Around.



Plan for Feed Box.

The illustration herewith of a feed box is self-explanatory and with the following list of dimensions should be easy to build: The legs are made from 4x4's 34 inches on the high side, sawing a bevel at one end of 12 inches; the sides are 2x12 inches; the length of the box is eight feet. The bottom is made by joining seven common floor boards, generally using fence flooring clear of knots as possible. The best way to lay the bottom is to take 16-foot fence boards laying the two end 2x4 cross pieces four inches from the end. Across the center lay two other eight inches apart, sawing the bottom in two to make the bottoms for two boxes. The 2x4

across the center, which is used for supporting the center of the bottom, should be made of hard wood. Clamps go around this 2x4 and over the top of the box. Use a 16-inch clamp, such as commonly used for building hay racks; bore through the 2x4, place the clamp bottom side up over the side of the box and draw it up tight. The lower edge of the 2x12 used for sides should be placed to a bevel to match the bottom of the box.

For feeding meal it would be well to place a corn crib strip 1x4 inches around the top of the box. This will prevent the wind from blowing the meal out, as it projects over on the inside two inches.

## POTATOES AS STOCK FOOD

When Properly Fed They Are Nutritious and Very Fattening for Both Cattle and Sheep.

(BY W. R. GILBERT.)

Potatoes owe their food value principally to their high proportion of carbohydrates, which are found in potatoes in the form of starch.

They contain nearly three times the quantity of carbohydrates found in an equal weight of turnips.

Potatoes vary a good deal in composition, not only as regards different varieties, but as regards the same variety grown on different soils.

Potatoes grown on strong soil contain more albuminoids than those from light land.

When they are of this composition they are firm when cooked, and are said to "have a bone in them." These are the most nutritious class of potatoes.

Potatoes are more suitable for feeding pigs than for any other kind of stock.

Their high proportion of starch makes it necessary to mix them with food of a more albuminoid and fibrous character when given to cattle and horses.

Unless they are mixed with such food they are liable to produce colic; but when fed in proper mixture there is no more fattening food grown on the farm than potatoes.

When the potatoes are withdrawn the cattle lose in condition at once and take some time to make it up again.

When potatoes are diseased it is the albuminoids that decay. The starch remains unchanged, and if the decay has not gone too far potatoes that are diseased may be used for stock feeding, but such potatoes should never be fed raw.

If a large number of potatoes are found to be touched with disease at lifting time they may be cooked, and if salted and packed firmly in barrels they will keep for some time if the air is excluded.

The flesh-producing qualities of potatoes are destroyed in proportion as the disease has destroyed the albuminoids, but the carbohydrates are fully capable of performing their work of keeping up the animal heat and adding to the fat.

It Pays to Caponize. A capon bears the same relation to a rooster as a steer to a bull, and as bull meat is not equal to steer meat, so are roosters not equal to capons.

When cockerels become capons they cease to grow combs and wattles, do not crow and fight, grow much faster and finer flesh and bring more money than ordinary chickens.

If a cock weighs ten pounds a capon will weigh 15 and bring three to four times the price, \$125 often being paid for 100 capons.

It certainly pays to caponize surplus cockerels. A set of tools, with full instructions for using, costs about \$2.50 and only ordinary skill is required. With a little practice the operation can be quickly and safely performed.

For caponizing, cockerels must be less than six weeks old and weigh a pound or more.

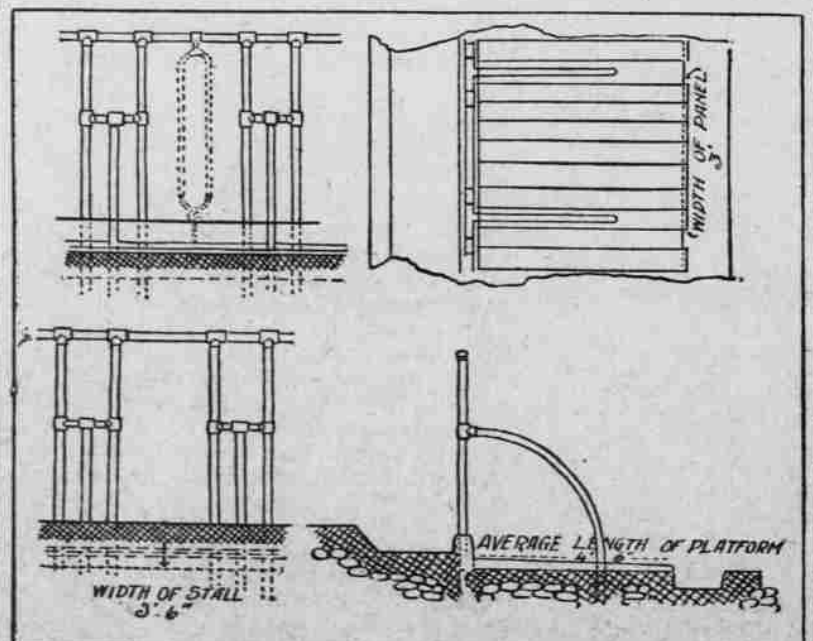
## Care of Pigeons.

Though people have an idea that pigeons are very hardy and can be kept with little or no attention, the facts are that unless their food is of good quality, and their houses are kept clean, they are subject to many diseases. Pigeons are naturally very cleanly, and when allowed their liberty select only the best food and the varieties that please them, but when they are confined we must select these things for them if we wish to succeed.

## Breaking Colts.

A good way to begin to break a colt is to make a stall for it and tie the feed in it in the stall daily. Feeding while you handle the young animal is one of the very best ways of winning its confidence. Use an extra heavy halter on the colt from the first. If it early learns that it cannot break a halter it will go through life with that delusion, much to the profit of the owner.

## STALL WITH MOVABLE FLOOR



A stall with movable wooden floor and fastening for the same. The advantage of this design will be appreciated in winter when the concrete is too cold for the comfort of cows. Two iron pins set in the concrete floor near the front corners of the stall keep it in place.

## ALL SERENE.



"De minister, he says dat at der last day every man will be judged by his works!"

"Well, dat needn't worry us any. We never worked!"

## George Refrained.

"George declared he would kiss the first woman that passed under the mistletoe, and she was the colored cook."

"Did George kiss her?"

"Kiss her! I guess not. Nobody dares to take any liberties with the cook."

## All Tired Out.

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## Excused.

"Shame on you! You came home last night actually tipsy."

"So I did, my dear. I just couldn't resist the pleasure of seeing two of you at once."

## Gastronomic.

"What belle of the season do you find most attractive?"

"The dinner bell."

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